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Local Matters.

The Mercury and the Good Cheer.

A large number of our subscribers have availed themselves of our generous offer to furnish the MERCURY for 1885 and the GOOD CHEER, a twenty-five cent family paper, for the price of one paper. The only condition we make is that payment be made in full in advance. This offer of ours still holds good and will still hold on till the first of February at least. How much later than that date we shall keep the offer open we cannot say. Every subscriber now on our list can avail himself of the offer by paying up whatever he may be in arrears for the MERCURY and then paying for the year 1885. The GOOD CHEER itself is well worth the price of the subscription and were it not for our inconsideration we should say that the MERCURY for the year 1885 will be worth double the price of the subscription. In addition to the two papers the beautiful MERCURY AT MANAO will be printed this year as usual and will be ready for our patrons, free, about the first of January. With all these inducements we can conceive of no better investment for the citizens of Newport and vicinity than what is offered at the MERCURY Office. Try it and tell your neighbors and let them also know to our READERS.

Centennial Exercises.

The second union meeting of the Methodist Episcopal Church in this city in observance of the centennial anniversary of that denomination in America, was held at the Thames street church on Sunday. An unusually large audience was present and took up various topics of the church history very interesting. Rev. Joseph Hollingshead of the First Church was the first speaker, and he took for his subject the "Doctrines of the Church as Set Forth in the Beginning." He was followed by Judge Darius Baker, who spoke upon the "Purity of the M. E. Church." Mr. A. C. Titus then read a paper upon the growth of the church during the hundred years of its existence, and Rev. E. F. Clark, pastor of the Thames street church, closed the exercises with an interesting explanation of the methods by which the success of the church had been achieved.

Dedicatorial Services.

The new lecture room of the Welsh Baptist church is completed and dedicatorial services will be held thereon Tuesday afternoon. Rev. R. N. Fairfax of Haverhill, Mass., will deliver the sermon at 2:45. In the evening services will be conducted by Rev. F. W. Ryder of the First Baptist church. Other clergymen will participate at these services and the public are cordially invited to be present. The rooms over the lecture room are finished off for a parsonage and are now occupied by the pastor, Rev. H. N. Johnson.

The church adjoining the lecture room has received many improvements, among which are new seats for the audience room and new furniture for the pulpit.

How the Dutch took Holland.

Col. Gen. E. Waring delivered an instructive and interesting lecture on the Making of Holland to the Unity Club and their friends Thursday evening. He explained with the aid of maps and charts the great drainage and engineering works of Holland, particularly the Beemster and Harlem Lakes. He explained the construction of the dykes, ditches, canals and windmills and other hydraulic works of the Netherlands, interesting his audience with pleasant pictures of his visits to the scene of these works. A vote of thanks was passed to the speaker.

Contracts Awarded.

At a meeting of the Board of Health Tuesday evening the proposals for the removal of the sewer and house offal were opened, and the contracts awarded as follows: First Ward, D. Wetherell, \$500; Second Ward, John McNamee, \$800; Third Ward, H. D. Dubois, Jr., \$900; Fourth Ward, William Thurington \$700; Fifth Ward, Paul M. Morris, \$900. There were a large number of bids for each ward, many of them lower than the successful ones. The Board awarded the contracts to those they thought the most reliable houses.

A Knightly Surprise.

The Ladies of Berkeley Lodge, No. 410, K. & L. of H., gave their Knight a very pleasant surprise at the regular meeting of the lodge Wednesday evening. After the usual routine of business had been gone through with, the gentlemen were invited to remain a few moments to listen to some music and, to their complete surprise, they were introduced to an excellent collection of ice cream, cake, etc. There was about twenty pieces of cake and a thoroughly good time was enjoyed till 11 o'clock.

Owing to the many other attractions on Christmas Day the 21st will be opened Tuesday evening instead of Thursday, next week. The 22d will then try to redeem our

injustice in limiting Santa Claus' capacity.

Richard H. Wheeler has a real Southern ponum on exhibition at his market on Ferry Wharf.

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Poetry.

December.

ALFRED TENISON.

A spirit haunts the year's last hours,
Dwelling amidst these yellowing boughs;
For at eventide, listening earnestly,
At his work you may hear him sob and sigh.

In the walks!
Earthward he betheth the heavy stalks of the mouldering flowers;

Heavily hangs the broad sunflower
Over the grave, the earth soothly;

Heavily hangs the hollyhock,

Heavily hangs the tiger lily.

The air is dank, and hushed, and close,
As a high man's room, where he may re-
pose.

An hour before death:
My rest heart faints and my whole soul
grieves

At the moist, rich smell of the rotting leaves,

And the breath

Of the fading edges of box-bushes, and the
year's last rose;

Heavily hangs the broad sunflower
Over its grave, the earth soothly;

Heavily hangs the hollyhock,

Heavily hangs the tiger lily.

A Woman's Answer.

Do you know you have asked for the co-tillest
thing

Ever made by the hand above?

A woman's heart, and a woman's life,

And a woman's wonderful love?

Do you know you have asked for this price—
less thing

As a child might ask for a toy?

Demanding what others have died to win,
With the recklessness of a boy?

You have written my lesson of duty out;
Man-like you have questioned me;

Now stand at the bar of my woman's soul,

Until I shall question thee.

You require your master shall always be hot,
Your socks and shirt be white;

I require your heart to be true as God's stars,

And true as His heaven, your soul!

You require a cook for your motion and beef,

I require a greater thing;

A seamstress you're wanting for socks and
for shirts,

I look for a man and a king.

And for the beautiful realm called home,
A man that the maker, God,

Shall look upon as he did the first,

And say "It is very good!"

I am fair and young, but the rose will fade
From my soft young cheek one day;

Will you love me, 'mid the falling leaves,

As you did 'mid the blooms of May?

Your heart an ocean so strong and deep,

I may touch my all on its tide?

A loving woman finds heaven or hell
On the day she becomes a bride.

I require all things that are grand and
true,

All things that a man should have.

If you give this I would stick my life
To be all you demand of me.

If you cannot be this, a laundress and cook

You can hire, and little to pay;

But a woman's heart, and a woman's life,

Are not to be won that way.

Selected Tale.

NANCY HILL'S CHRISTMAS.

BY LYDIA WOOD.

CHAPTER I.

The night set in dark and chill. All day long a fine, frosty sleet had fallen, which, as the wind rose in lengthened gusts, changed to fast-falling snow-flakes.

All day the note of preparation had sounded in Abraham Plum's kitchen; for it was the day before Christmas. Mrs. Plum shoved the last quartette of pies into the oven, shut the door with a clang, and began to clear away the supper-table. She was a short, fat woman; yet she was brisk in her movements this evening, and as she swept into the pantry laden with blue-edged plates and tea-cups, no air of pride was visible. She lingered to look at the result of her toil, and to count for the twentieth time the row of pies on the shelf before the window.

"Three plum, two gooseberry, four blackberry, eight apple, fifteen mince, and a great platter of cranberry tart!"

Mr. Plum came in also, an admiring expression gradually stealing over his face. "I yum! if you haven't got a show! Why, you haven't counted them in the oven!"

"So I do!" ejaculated his wife. "They are nice. They always go off faster'n any other." She broke off a bit of burnt crust as big as a cent, very careful.

"Come, mother, you've looked at 'em long enough for one day. You've got all day to-morrow, too, to see 'em in."

"No, I know it," he said in his wife. "Dear me, what a sight's to be done to-morrow! I hope Sarah'll come over early to help. I rather looked for Nancy to-day."

Her husband drew a chair to the stove and seated himself. "I'd gone after her," said he, "only I knew Sam was cross-grained enough, not to let her come if I did. She's got to take him in the right mood, you know."

Mr. Plum sighed and sat down to rest. This Nancy of whom they spoke was the youngest of her flock, not five years a wife. She was also unhappy in her marriage—which accounted for her mother's sigh.

Samuel Hill had been a gay youth, and a handsome one. Courted by all the girls of the village, he turned from them to evident homage to little Nancy Plum, the most serious minded damsel of all. He called her, tenderly, "The little piano-singer." She, in her turn, was flattered by his preference, and she yielded up her heart into his keeping, in spite of parental objection. It proved to be an act of folly on her part; he was a careless keeper. More than that he was at

times unkind. Her parents read the eloquent signs of misery in her face at every visit, but she never complained of him. Something in her took forbade direct inquiry—a look as if she had deliberately counted the cost of existence, and nerves herself to endure it. How many times she inwardly wished herself a girl again at home was known only to herself. They had not been married two years before she drank openly instead of in secret. Whole days were passed away from her—where? She knew—and cried over the knowledge.

Mr. Plum looked thoughtfully at the stove. "He is a poor worthless fool, that's a fact; I used to tell Nancy that she'd be sorry if she married him, but she would have her own way."

"I saw it don't do good after the thing's done?" said "I told you so!"

The expression of excited anticipation had fled from Mrs. Plum's face; she put her feet on the stone hearth and rested her elbows on her knees as she mused aloud. "It's all a lack at by chance business any way. 'Cause some occasionly git cheated. I don't feller that they're blame. None of us are very sharp sighted in such matters. I warn't. I shut my eyes and said, 'Yes, knowin' no more'n the man in the moon whether I should repent or not.'

"Well, have you?" asked her husband, archly.

She smiled mischievously. "I s'pose I'd own it if I thought I'd come off splendago?"

"That's just like you," said Mr. Plum; "they're so queer. Own it? Yes. I'd proclaim it from Dan to Beersheba, and so serve as a warnin'!" His wife laughed. "All warnin' are cut in the same pattern, I believe. There's Nancy, now. I expect she'd eat her tongue sooner'n step up to me 'n say, 'Father, Sam abuses me!'

"I'll be sleighin' to-morrow, I guess." Mrs. Plum rose and went to the window. "Why, the ground's white already,"—leading her eyes with her hands and peering into the darkness.

"That's like you, too," chuckled Mr. Plum. "When you git the better of 'em in an argument they always change the subject."

The morrow came, and with it all of the married offshoots of the house of Plum. First came Sarah, with children three—husband to follow when the chores were done. She bore a special commission as serving maid from her mother, and she willingly accepted the honor. The kitchen and keeping room were crowded with happy faces long before noon. Now dresses were displayed in small knots of mutual admiration faces. Loud voices and impromptu jests were the order of things, crowned by hearty bursts of laughter. In the midst of it all the mother and grandmother moved with an anxious face, lest some untoward happening spoil the fun. Grandfather constituted himself a butt for the childish mirth, and his ringing laugh sounded younger than theirs.

Twelve o'clock struck. The matrons came back from church. The ironies came back from church. The big turkey roasting in one oven began to steam fragrantly; the fat sauerkraut in the other began to hiss and sputter as the mistress of the feast turned it over with sprinkling of salt and pepper. The children were made hungry by the smell, and clamored loudly for dinner, and were appeased with thick cuts of gingerbread, which they went round munching—ith copious crimson—oth aural dissatisfaction.

At twelve o'clock struck. The long silence brooded the forebodings of spring and leaped out with astonishing rapidity. Children were thrust into an adjoining bedroom to be got out of its way, when they set up a series of agonizing choruses. The blue-edged coo-ker kept ignorantly in the pantry, while fair white china arranged itself on the board. Pickles and preserves crept aside by side; "cold slaw" trimmed huge bowl; jelly quaked and quivered; hearty "brown bread" did not disdain to lie alongside its pale relative.

"We may's well give up seein' Nancy just as last," sighed Mr. Plum, as she beat up the lumpy squash with butter. "I've kept hope! she'd git butter yet, but she won't. I know she's feelin' like death about it, a thokin' of you all here 'keep herself. Juicy, look out for your dress, dear! You'll burn it if that stove."

"She has not met with us in three years," answered Sarah, rather resentfully pounding the turnip.

"Iaint her fault. Sam always has some excuse. Last year it was the baby wasn't old enough to bring, and they couldn't leave it;—though Minta brought hers, which was two months younger."

"I's my opinion," rejoined Sarah, with an emphatic toss of the head, "that he's ashamed to face us altogether; he's carried on so that he must feel guilty, if he's got any conscience."

Three o'clock—and the magic word, "dinner!" echoed through the crowd. The mother's eyes glanced at Nancy's chair and filled. She could not sit down, she knew. She tried the door; they were all fastened. The windows raised with difficulty from the inside; it was a hopeless task to open them from the outside. Besides she could not put her baby on the snow to make the attempt. His little hands were cold; he woke and cried, and she was too chilled to soothe him.

At last she thought of the dining-room window. Beside it was a door opening on the piazza; a fragment of glass had fallen from one of the lower panes, and if she should thrust her hand through she might unbolt the

wonder, if not here?" Her husband ate his breakfast suddenly.

"But I told mother we'd go," put in the wife, feebly.

"I can't help that. Am I responsible for what you say? I'm not going one step. I don't care a fig for all their meetings."

"Well, I can take the horse and go alone. I can drive, you know. And it's only eight miles away."

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JOHN P. SANBORN, Editor and Proprietor.

ATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1884.

A large number of Providence politicians have been in Washington this past week.

The Republicans of Tennessee think they have some slight show of carrying that State some time in the dim future. Hardly.

They are having a cold winter in Canada. Snow is some two feet deep, and the thermometer ranges from 10 to 25 degrees below zero.

Senator Sheffield is doing good work in Congress and is getting to be very popular among his associates. The State cannot do better than keep him there.

There will, according to present indications, be a smaller vote cast in Rhode Island next year than there was at the last Presidential election. The registered voters are not coming forward as rapidly as they did a year ago.

Senator Sheffield, from the committee on claims, in the U. S. Senate made an extended adverse report upon the claim of a Southern woman for damage to property during the Rebellion. The report was well received by the committee and by the Senate.

It is claimed that Gov. Robinson is booked to be the successor of Senator Dawes of Massachusetts. The friends of ex-Gov. Long, however, will push his claims to a seat in that body, while Senator Dawes himself will not be without strong support. The Senatorship in Massachusetts will not be a walk over for any one.

The members of Cleveland's Cabinet are getting numerous and embrace one or more prominent Democrats from every state in the Union. It is generally concluded that Bayard will be Secretary of State, and further than that in guessing no one seems inclined to go. The incoming President will have a warm time of it when he gets to Washington.

The New York Sonnertship is exciting the politicians of that State to an alarming extent. The Hon. William Evarts is now having a boom with Hon. Levi P. Morton a good second. To all appearances the prize lies between these two. Hon. Chauncey Depew has declined to be a candidate under any circumstances and President Arthur has declined to go into a contest for the office.

The President has appointed Hon. Geo. M. Carpenter, Jr. to be U. S. District Judge of Rhode Island in place of Judge Cole promoted. This appointment makes a vacancy in the Supreme Court. We understand that John P. Gregory of Lincoln, Geo. A. Wilbur of Woonsocket, W. W. Blodgett of Pawtucket, and some half a dozen more are anxious to fill that vacancy.

Persons who vote by paying a registry tax and who have not yet registered their names at the office of the City Clerk in the City Hall are reminded that the time is short and that if they wish to be voters next year they must register their names between now and December 31. There will be several important elections next year both state and municipal, and everyone will desire the privilege of voting. Hence they should attend to the matter at once. It takes very little time and costs only one dollar.

The strong opposition to President Arthur in New York as candidate for the Senatorship shows very conclusively where he would have been if he had been the candidate for the Presidency. In all probability he cannot be elected U. S. Senator even with the party machinery to back him, and if he cannot carry the Senatorial vote with his own party, he would not have stood a ghost of a show for carrying the State against Gov. Cleveland. It is growing more and more apparent every day to every thinking man, that the Republican party went into the late campaign with its strongest leaders at the front, and it was only by the merest accident that they were defeated.

The great New Orleans exposition was opened Tuesday with appropriate ceremonies. Although the exhibition is yet far from complete still there is a fine show under the mammoth roof. The buildings of this gigantic fair cover seventy acres of space. The exhibits when in order will far surpass the Centennial at Philadelphia in 1876. Everything will be in its place in about four weeks, but February and March are said to be the best time to visit New Orleans and at that time the exhibition will be at its best. The machinery was put in motion Tuesday by President Arthur in the President's mansion at Washington in the presence of committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives and a large number of other dignitaries.

Everybody but a Mugwump knew that all the pretended interviews with Mr. Blaine since he reached Washington are forgeries. The Mugwump papers are keeping with their high-toned conduct throughout the campaign have been industriously circulating these pretended interviews far and wide, in the hope that in some way they might prove injurious to Mr. Blaine. The gentleman himself has at length set down on these attempted defences by saying that all reports of interviews held with him since his arrival in Washington are unauthorized. One in which he has been represented as discussing his relations with Mr. Conkling has been extensively published throughout the country, but it is from beginning to end an inexcusable forgery. Mr. Blaine asks that his friends will do him the favor to discredit utterly any and all of the expressions in the form of interviews which may be imputed to him. If he has any occasion to communicate with the public he will do so over his own name. Will the Mugwumps please take notice.

DOINGS AT THE CAPITAL.

Church Gossip—Sheffield Memorial—President Cleveland's Church—The Mistress of the White House—Popularity of Mr. Blaine.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19, 1884.

The fact of an incoming Democratic administration has already had a marked influence on Church interests in Washington. Church memberships are largely composed of Government officials, and the probability that they will lose their positions after Mr. Cleveland's inauguration has made them less liberal with their money in matters ecclesiastical.

The Garfield Memorial church, which was finished and dedicated last winter, occupies the site of the little church, which the late President attended. There is still a debt of six thousand dollars hanging over it. Its members consist mostly of Department employees and their families. Before the presidential election, they had arranged to borrow the money to lift the debt and bind themselves to pay it in regular installments out of their salaries. In their present state of uncertainty, they say they dare not obligate themselves to that extent. Besides, the depositors of the bank from which they propose to borrow, are largely composed of Government employees, who will likely want to draw their money after the fourth of March.

Since it has been understood that President-elect Cleveland will attend the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in this city, the demand for pews there has been much greater. The church is overflowing now, and when a representative of Gov. Cleveland called the other day to see about securing a place for him, the pastor, Rev. W. A. Bartlett, proposed to give up his own pew in the middle aisle in order to accommodate the incoming President. Relations of a cordial nature have long existed between the pastor of this church and Gov. Cleveland, and for a few days before the inauguration ceremonies the family of the Governor will be the guests of Dr. Bartlett at Hamilton Place, his home in this city.

This church has been noted for the distinguished persons who have attended it; and President Cleveland will be the third Executive of the nation who has been a pew holder. "Old Hickory" Jackson was the first and Abraham Lincoln the second. Rev. Dr. Curley, who was pastor twenty years ago, was with President Lincoln a few minutes after the assassination of that memorable Good Friday night.

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The thousands of families throughout the country that have used Cleveland's Baking Powder during the last fifteen years with such satisfactory results and perfect assurance of its purity and wholesomeness will not only be deceived by this attempted imposition, but will be glad to know the source of this attack and the cause of it.

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Rhode Island has been greatly benefited in purse and in morals as well as in reputation by our State Society for the Protection of Animals and the inculcation of humanism and mercy.

It was organized in 1870 by some of the best-known and ablest citizens in the State, and has always had the material and moral support of the benevolent men and women of the different towns. Similar societies are maintained in all our states and territories, and, in fact, in all parts of the civilized world. Such are our vital relations of prosperity, health and character to the animal kingdom that we cannot afford to practice cruelty or injustice to any creatures. This fact was what led to anti-cruelty societies throughout christendom. As yet these societies are supported wholly by voluntary contributions, as all new moral endeavors are necessarily made. Unfortunately our stringent times in business matters are felt in the treasury of our anti-cruelty society.

Good ladies in Providence have made a worthy effort to render the society some pecuniary aid. All the towns and villages should be equally interested as they are proportionally benefited. While many of our best citizens in the State are and have been for years members of the society, there are many others, not knowing the beneficent and effective work of the society, who have never contributed to its aid. We trust that every good citizen will volunteer to render the association assistance in its merciful mission.

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I have examined samples of "Cleveland's Superior Baking Powder" manufactured at Albany, N. Y., and "Royal Baking Powder," both purchased by myself in this city, and I find they contain:

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Bicarbonate of Soda.

Carbomate of Ammonia.

Tartaric Acid.

Soda.

Available carbomate acid gas 12.41 per cent, equivalent to 118.2 cubic inches of gas per oz. of Powder.

Ammonia gas 0.48 per cent, equivalent to 10.4 cubic inches per oz. of Powder.

Note—The Tartaric Acid was doubtless introduced as free acid, but subsequently combined with ammonia, and exists in the Powder as a Tartarate of Ammonia.

E. G. LOVE, Ph. D.

NEW YORK, JAN. 17th, 1884.

The above analyses indicate a preference for "Cleveland's Superior Baking Powder," and our opinion is that it is the better preparation, —[Hall's Journal of Health.

Weekly Almanac.

DEC. 1884. STANDARD TIME.

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Fall Moon, 20, 21, 22, 23, evening.

Last Quarter, 23, 24, 25, morning.

New Moon, 27, 28, 29, morning.

First Quarter, 29, 30, 31, morning.

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ALEX. N. BARKER, Probate Clerk.

Court of Probate, City of Newport, December 15, 1884.

CHRISTOPHER M. LEE, administrator

on the estate of ELIZABETH S. FREEBORN,

late of Newport, deceased, presents his first account with the estate of said deceased, and praying that the same may be examined, allowed and recorded.

New Advertisements.

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Miscellaneous.

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The same old question comes to us,
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There are lots and lots of useful things
For Father, Brother, Cousin or Beau.
There's Gloves & Mittens, that will come in fine,
Underwear & Hosiery, worn every day,
Fine Silk Braces, and Silk Garters too,
Ear Muffs, Mufflers, red, white and blue,
Fur Caps & Wrappers, to keep out the cold
Umbrellas & Walking Sticks, the best sold;
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We have received many inquiries in relation to the sulphur process, and will reply as follows: The eggs are processed dry, and may be placed on shelves, or anywhere else. No sealing or pickling is required. They will not hatch. In preparing, let the water entirely cover the eggs. No cooking is necessary for anything. In fact no heat must be used in any degree. A good plan is to process the eggs and then pack them in dry, clean earth, care being taken that no eggs touch each other. If the earth is processed much the better. Oats, corn, chaff, sand or anything suitable for packing will answer. If the eggs are placed in a box or barrel, and turned several times a week, it will be better. Try one dozen eggs, and break one each month, by way of experiment. The process is known as the "ozone" method, and many parties are selling it at \$5. But it is nothing but the sulphur process after all.—Poultry Keeper.

To Prepare Vegetable Mould Quickly.

As early as the leaves of trees can be collected, let them be brought in a considerable quantity, into a close place, and dressed up there in the form of a hot-bed. Let this be well saturated, with the drainings from the dung-heaps, with suds from the wash-house, with urine from the stable and cow-house, where this latter article can be procured. Let this bed or heap be covered and lined with fresh stable dung to make it heat.

When the heating is sufficiently subsided, let the leaves be uncovered and turned over, to mix the dry and wet well together, and if moisture be required, let them have it of the same description, repeating the process till all be reduced to fine mould.

This will be ready for use in two months from the time of collecting the leaves, and to prevent any waste of the liquid recommended, a layer of maiden earth, of two feet thick, should be made the substratum, which would receive any of the valuable liquids that would otherwise run to waste.

Leaves of slow decomposition should be avoided, as those of the oak, etc., which, however, are the best for retaining heat in hot beds and pits. The leaves of fir should also be avoided, but those of the sycamore, elm, alder, maple, and all the soft kinds are better suited for the purpose. This compost should be kept dry, in an airy place, and ridged up, so that the rain cannot wash out the salts with which it abounds.—[Gardener's Record.]

Cooking Food for Swine.

In cold weather much good is done by feeding hogs heated food. It warms up the body and stimulates the digestive organs to vigorous action. It pays also to warm slops in cold weather.

The main reason farmers do not feed more cooked food to their swine, is fancied labor and trouble in preparing it. A good utensil is a large iron kettle, swung upon two poles of sufficiently strong wood. The ball is removed and a piece of chain, forming a loop a foot long, is passed through each eye of the kettle, and the respective pole.

The poles are placed on forked sticks, set in the ground. The poles should be parallel, and as far apart as are the eyes of the kettle. Place near the kettle a large, light trough, made of two inch pine-boards, which may be situated in a small lot separated from the hog lot by a fence with a small gate. Old broken fence rails make excellent cheap fuel; they ignite readily, give a quick, hot fire, and soon die down. When the cooking is done, take the fire to one side, and bring the trough partially under the kettle on that side from which the fire has been removed. Raise the pole from that side out of the troughs, the edge of the trough, and most of the food will be deposited in it; the balance is easily scooped out with a board or pan. When only one pole is used, it is difficult to get the cooked food into the trough. After the food is cooled sufficiently, open the gate in the fence, and let the hogs in to the feast. Managed in this way, the labor of cooking a kettle of food can be done in five minutes, and the only expense of making the ration is a few pieces of old rails.

—American Agriculturist.

Utilize the Long Evenings.

December is a month of cold storms, short days and general gloom but, in many respects, it is a very important season on the farm. It is a time stock-breeders should be constantly on the watch to see how the animals adapt themselves to the

change of feed and conditions, and to make such changes or additions as individuals may seem to need. It is a season when men should form the habit of being at home evenings, enjoying the social fireside and reading something that will be instructive to their families. If a man or a boy gets in the habit of spending the evenings away from home, his thoughts will all be in that direction, and he will not think there is any enjoyment to be found at home. And if he forms the habit of seeking for home pleasures, he will soon feel that every evening spent away from home is an encroachment upon his regular enjoyment and will not cause him to be away, unless he is sure of something better. Too many people waste their evenings for the whole year by not adopting some regular plan for spending them. Social visits among the neighbors are very proper, and should be arranged for one or two nights in the week. But this going to the village store or post office, night after night, and staying till bed-time is no advantage to anyone and steals away a good deal of time that could otherwise be made valuable. There are many little things that can be done to add to the convenience of the household arrangements and to the comfort of the family, and these long evenings and stormy days are the proper time to think of them. If our minds are active our hands are not idle in December, and all the pleasures for the young folks which can be crowded into the cold winter will not only be a good investment at the time, but will form a bright spot to which they will turn with pleasant memories in after years and will perhaps decide the question in their minds whether to stay on the farm or not.

Agricultural Notes and Hints.

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In cold weather, heating the milk slightly causes the cream to rise more rapidly.

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Smut on corn produces in cattle a disease called stomach staggers.

How not to Catch Cold.

As a rule, women care very little for their health, as compared to their dress. It isn't the style, or it isn't convenient to take the sacking off in church, therefore she takes the risk of bringing on a serious disease or permanently injuring her health. In her ordinary daily avocations she is plenty warm enough without a sacking of any kind, and can hang out of a window for hours watching a parade or gossiping with the lady hanging out of the next window.

A great many cannot see why it is they do not take a cold when exposed to cold winds and rain. The fact is, and ought to be more generally understood, that nearly every cold is contracted indoors, and is not directly due to the cold outside, but to the heat inside. A man will go to bed at night feeling as well as usual, and get up in the morning with a royal cold. He goes poking around in search of cracks and keyholes and tiny drafts. Weather strips are procured, and the house made as tight as a fruit can. In a few more days the whole family has colds.

Let a man go home tired or exhausted, and fall supper so starched and vegetable food, occupy his mind intently for while, go to bed in a warm, close room, and if he doesn't have a cold in the morning it will be a wonder. A drink of whiskey or a glass or two of beer before supper will facilitate matters very much.

People swallow more colds down their throats than they inhale or receive from contact with the air, no matter how cold or chill it may be. Plain, hearty suppers are good to go to bed on, and are far more conducive to refreshing sleep than a glass of beer or a dose of chloral. In the estimation of a great many this statement is rank heresy, but in the light of science, common sense and experience it is gospel truth.

Of all the animals on the face of the earth, man is the only one that can be trained to go to sleep on an empty stomach. At first—that is while he is a little baby and guided by instinct—he will not do it, but kicks and yells until he gets his stomach full before he will shut one eye. Then he cuddles down and sleeps like a top until he gets hungry again. When he gets big enough to be spanked he is submitted to a severe course of training, which finally conquers his instinct, and in defiance of nature he can go to sleep with the cries of his nervous and physical system for food ringing in his ears.

His sleep will be more or less disturbed by this clamor, but it is attributed to nervousness. He gets up in the morning, feeling tired and exhausted.

No wonder all of the forces engaged in restoring the waste of the body during the working hours have been idle the night for want of material to work on.

The common sense of the thing is this: While the mind is active the blood vessels of the brain are distended. To secure rest for the mind the quantity of blood in the brain must be reduced. To secure proper digestion of food, the blood vessels of the stomach must be well filled. Now, it is so arranged that when the vessels of the stomach are full those of the brain are depleted, and vice versa. Therefore, to exercise the mind and call the blood away from the stomach immediately after eating, hinders with digestion, and, if pursued in, brings on dyspepsia.

On the other hand, by lying down and taking a nap after eating, as other animals are wont to do, perfect digestion is secured. The stomach draws the surplus food from the brain and uses the increased vital energy to assist in the digestion of the food. The absence of this amount of blood from the brain gives it a chance to rest. Thus two very important organs have been mutually aided in the discharge of their particular functions.

Those who have been in the habit of going to bed hungry should not begin eating full meals at once. A small glass of milk, a pretzel, small pieces of meat and well-baked bread or toast is enough to begin on.

Cold meats, except pork, baked beans, apples and other light fruits and bread all make good "night caps," far better than beer or brandy. Those who work late at night will find a "snack" the very thing to insure them quiet, refreshing sleep.

The same plan is one of the very best for preventing colds, providing the rooms are well ventilated and the sleeping apartment kept cool. When a cold is caught the best thing to do is to give the stomach a rest for at least one day, eating a light supper half an hour before going to bed. A drink or two of hot tea or coffee during the day and a hot, sour lemonade before turning in for the night.

In the matter of dress people can not be too careful, but there is just as much danger of overdressing as of dressing enough.—Wear woolens or merino next to the skin, with medium-weight outer garments. Extra heavy overcoats are as bad as sealskin sacques.

Medium weights, such as can be worn in the spring or fall, are heavy enough for any except the severest weather. The few days we have of that scarcely justifies the purchase of a heavy overcoat. The emergency can usually be met by doubling up the under garments for the time being.—Thick, solid shoes are always in order.—Rubbers should be avoided, except when the streets are wet and sloppy, and never worn indoor.

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